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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., March 3 — Reggie Jackson, three days behind the other regulars in spring training but miles ahead of himself in enthusiasm, arrived in the Yankee camp today, shaved his beard, accepted a \$1,000 fine and began preparing for a season that he anticipates with great excitement.

Between shaving in the clubhouse at 7:30 A.M. and working out in 40-degree weather for three hours, Jackson met with a triumvirate of Yankee officials for 25 minutes and willingly accepted a fine for reporting late.

Neither the Yankees nor Jackson would say how much the 33-year-old star was fined, but a man familiar with the amount said it was \$500 for each of two days he missed beginning March 1, the official reporting date.

The \$1,000, however, will not go into the Yankee treasury. The officials — Gene Michael, the general manager; Cedric Tallis, the executive vice president, and Manager Dick Howser — suggested the money be donated to the high school sports fund of New York City's Public Schools Athletic League, a fund which Jackson helped create last year, and Jackson agreed. Not only that, but he also matched the fine with another \$1,000 donation to the fund.

Enthusiasm Undiluted by Fine

"It's fair," Jackson said of the fine. "It's for the betterment of the team, myself and the front office. It's reasonable. I don't look at it as disciplinary."

The fine could not dilute the enthusiasm Jackson showed about the coming season.

"I'm excited about playing baseball this year," he said, dressing slowly so he made sure that every piece of his uniform fit just so. "I couldn't wait to get here. I couldn't wait to put my uniform on."

As he continued to put his uniform on, Jackson, surrounded by a mob of reporters, talked about the factors that had dulled the previous five spring camps, about his relationship with George Steinbrenner, about baseball's labor negotiations, about his fine, about prolonging his career now that he has

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Reggie Jackson of the Yankees taking part in the team's batting practice after reporting yesterday to spring training camp at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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seen players succeed at ages 39 and 40, about a new teammate, Ruppert Jones, or as he called him, "little Reggie" and "Reggie Junior."

Finally, his uniform was in place on his 208-pound body and he removed a pair of sweat bands from his bag and placed them on his wrists.

Extra Practice

"I couldn't wait to put my sweat bands on, get everything hooked up, geared up," Jackson said, his eyes beaming. "To put the uniform on again is a good feeling. To walk out and feel your spikes in the grass is a good feeling. To grab a bat and know I can do this job and do it well, it's a nice feeling. It's a fun deal."

Characteristically, he was the last player on the field and he missed most of the team lap around the field, sneakily joining the other 54 players as they passed the dugout. However, he was the last one off the field, listening to some outfield tips from Paul Blair, taking extra ground balls and fly balls in the outfield, then taking extra hitting in the batting cage before signing the customary opening-day autographs.

Left behind in California were his new house on a five-acre plot in Carmel (the closing is scheduled for later this week) and his automobile business in Oakland, with which he had some financial problems involving a partner. Also in the past were the problems that made the beginning of the previous five seasons less than exciting.

"This is the most excited I've been about coming back and playing baseball since 1974," Jackson said. "I've had a tough time adjusting ever since I lost the salary arbitration case going into the 1975 season. I was unhappy and it was kind of a burden going to camp. I got traded in '76, in '77 I came here and it was a tough change, '78 was kind of a

tough time and '79 was kind of a tough time. But no matter what happens, I feel good physically and I'm going to have some good years in baseball."

Says He's No 'Smart Aleck'

Despite his absence from the first three days of camp, he feels he can get along well with the new manager and general manager.

"I talked to them and kept them informed about what I was doing," he said. "I wasn't being a smart aleck or incorrigible. I just ran out of time. I either had to pay the consequences for not coming or leave without things being organized. I never said I wasn't coming."

One person who seemed pleased to see Jackson arrive was Jones, whose locker and position adjoin Jackson's.

"Is that little Reggie?" Jackson asked, referring to the stories that have painted similarities between them. "Yeah, he looks a little like me."

They shook hands warmly, and Jackson resumed getting dressed. Before he put one of his blue sock stirrups on, he wanted to stretch it. Placing it on a hook in his locker, he pulled and pulled. Suddenly, the stirrup popped off the hook and Jackson toppled backward off the bench and onto the floor, his feet waving in the air.

He hoped it would be the last time this year that he looked silly.